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PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
OF LONDON.

SESSION 1859-60.

Twelfth Meeting (ANNIVERSARY), 1 P.M., May 28th, 1860.

The EARL DE GREY AND RIPON, PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

THE Minutes of the previous Meeting having been read and confirmed, the regulations respecting the Anniversary Meetings were next read, when the President appointed William Bollaert and John Hogg, Esqrs., Scrutineers for the Ballot.

The Reverends R. Miles and J. J. Stewart Perowne; Professor Henry Darwin Rogers; the Earl of Southesk; and James Brown, M.P.; William Henry Cooke; George Elliot, C.E.; and Frederick Haworth, Esqrs., were proposed as Candidates for election at the next Meeting.

The Report of the Council, with the Balance Sheet for 1859 and the Estimate for 1860, was then read and adopted.

THE CHARTER and REGULATIONS of the Society, as revised by the Special Committee and submitted by the Council, were adopted.

The President next delivered the Founder's Gold Medal to Sir Roderick I. Murchison, on behalf of Lady Franklin, in commemoration of the Arctic Researches of the late Sir John Franklin, and in testimony of the fact that this expedition was the first to discover a North-West passage; also in token of admiration for her perseverance in sending out expeditions to ascertain the fate of her husband and the ships under his command.

The Patron's or Victoria Gold Medal was delivered to Captain Sir F. Leopold M'Clintock, R.N., for the skill and fortitude displayed by him and his companions—Hobson, Young, and Walker—in their search for records of the lost expedition, and for their valuable coast surveys, by which our acquaintance with the Arctic geography has been enlarged.

The President then read his Anniversary Address, for which a unanimous Vote of Thanks was passed, with a request that he would allow it to be printed.

At the conclusion of the Ballot, the Scrutineers reported that the changes advised by the Council had been adopted; the Earl de Grey and Ripon, retiring from the Presidency, to be succeeded by Lord Ashburton; and the vacancy among the Vice-Presidents, occasioned by the retirement of Colonel W. H. Sykes, to be supplied by Earl de Grey. The vacancy in the Trustees, caused by the decease of Sir George T. Staunton, Bart., to be filled by Sir Walter C. Trevelyan, Bart.; and those among the Ordinary Councillors, occasioned by the retirement of Capt. the Hon. J. Denman, R.N.; Colonel Sir Henry James, R.E.; General E. Sabine, R.A.; the Earl of Sheffield; Thomas Staveley; Count P. E. de Strzelecki; and by the decease of Robert Stephenson, M.P.; to be filled by Lieut.-General C. R. Fox; Capt. W. H. Hall, R.N.; A. J. B. Hope; Austen H. Layard; William Spottiswoode; Colonel W. H. Sykes; and Viscount Strangford.

Thanks having been voted to the President, Vice-President, Members of Council, and Scrutineers, the President finally directed attention to the usual Anniversary Dinner, and the Meeting adjourned.
